



June 20, 2011

RE: Ryan Playground Water Feature Improvements

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On June 16, 2011, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at the Foley Senior Residences in Mattapan to present plans for a new water feature, as well as spray elements and site improvements, at the Ryan Playground.

These plans, factoring in input received at the initial public meeting DCR held on the project on April 12, 2011, will replace the existing outdated wading pool with an attractive, integrated, and handicap-accessible wading pool and spray deck, having spray features with appeal to toddlers and teens alike. In addition to the new wading pool and spray deck, DCR will be making various improvements to the site, installing a shade structure, shower tower, drinking fountain, hoop bicycle racks, new benches, upgraded picnic tables, and other elements. The overall project has been made possible through a Patrick Administration funding commitment of approximately \$800,000.

In terms of timeline, the existing wading pool at the Ryan Playground will remain open for the 2011 season. Construction will begin in October 2011, and DCR plans to open the new water feature in May 2012.

If you wish to view the presentation made at the June 16th public meeting, it can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm>.

If you have any questions about the project, please email DCR.Updates@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4974.

We hope you will enjoy – and join us in stewardship of – this new, family-friendly facility, which will bring expanded opportunities for healthy recreation at an enhanced site to the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Lambert Jr.
Commissioner

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